Discovery of Coal Mines

†*360. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tripura-Mizoram regional office of Geological Survey of India has confirmed discovery of coal mine in a remote village in West Tripura district;

(b) if so, the type of this coal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these mines are spread over a large area; and

(d) if so, by when the mining work is likely to commence in these mines?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Amount for development of NER

†*2414. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated for development of North-Eastern region as on date;

(b) whether the pace of development works in N.E. States is slow despite formation of a separate Ministry for development of North-Eastern Region; and

(c) whether Centre has taken bay measures to expedite various projects meant for North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The details of funds released for the NE States

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by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Plan Scheme	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)	550.00	650.00	679.17
North Eastern Council (NEC)	499.86	498.72	458.54
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi)	15.40	24.50	22.33
Advocacy & Publicity	2.00	1.92	4.71
Capacity Building	2.00	2.70	7.92
Sikkim Mining Corporation (SMC)	0.50	0.50	0.00
TOTAL	1069.76	1178.34	1172.67

(b) and (c) Rapid development of NER is one of the main concerns of the Central Government. To achieve this objective, various Central Ministry/ Departments, except those specifically exempted, are required to allocate 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the NE Region since 1998-99. The unspent balance of this amount accrues to the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) which is being utilized by the Ministry of DoNER for bridging the socio-economic infrastructure in the Region. A total of 785 projects at an approved cost of Rs. 5386.64 crore have been sanctioned under the Scheme till 31-07-06. As a result of constant monitoring of the progress of the sanctioned projects by the Ministry with the concerned States, 358 projects with a cost of Rs. 1187.75 crore have been completed till 31-07-06.

The amount allocated for development of North East Region from other Ministry/Departments are being collected.

Financial packages by Government

2415. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the promises made by Government in terms of investment are not materializing in the proposed period of time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and